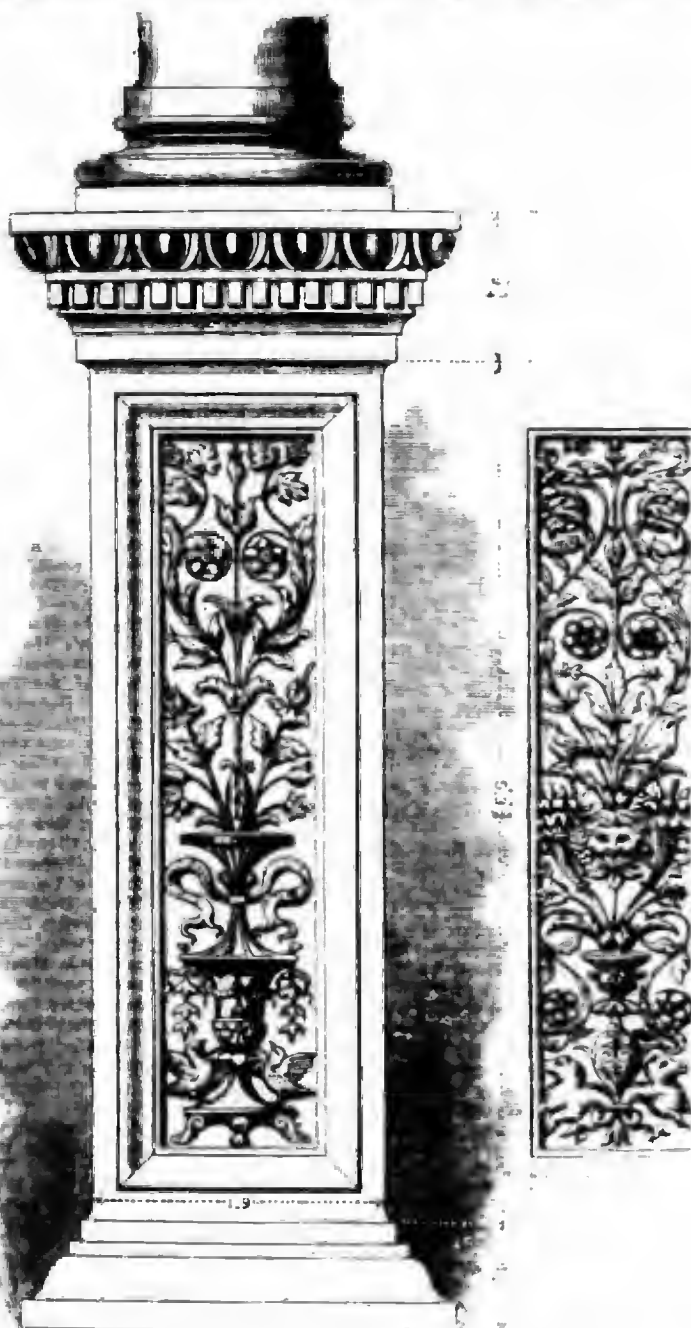


CARVED PANELS, FROM THE SCUOLA DI SAN MARCO, VENICE.

**THE NEW PATENT LAWS.\***

THE following is an abstract of the Patent Law Amendment Bill just passed, prepared by Mr. Campin, the patent agent:—

Section 1 appoints the Lord Chancellor, Master of the Rolls, English and Irish Attorney-Generals, the English, Irish, and Scottish Solicitor-Generals, and the Lord Advocate of Scotland, with such other persons as the Crown may specially appoint, to be Commissioners of Patents for Inventions.

2. Relates to the seal of commissioners which is to be received in evidence in the same manner as the Great Seal.—All copies, &c. of documents sealed therewith to be good evidence.

3. Commissioners to make rules for carrying out the Act. Rules to be laid before Parliament, and an annual report presented thereto.

4 and 5. Treasury to provide offices, and

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the commissioners, with the consent of the Treasury, to appoint clerks, &c.

6. In addition to the petition and declaration for a patent, the applicant must deposit a provisional specification, the date of the deposit whereof to be recorded at the Commissioners' office.

7. Reference of these documents to be made to one of the law officers (the Attorneys and Solicitors General, and Lord Advocate, being thus denominated).

8. The law officer to be at liberty to call to his aid such scientific or other person as he may think fit, and to cause to be paid to such person by the applicant such remuneration as the law officer shall appoint; and, if such law officer be satisfied that the provisional specification describes the nature of the invention, he is to allow the same, and give a certificate of his allowance, and such certificate must be filed in the office of the commissioners, and thereupon the invention therein referred to

may, during the term of six months from the date of the application for letters patent for the said invention be used and published, without prejudice to any letters patent to be granted for the same, and such protection from the consequences of use and publication is hereinafter referred to as provisional protection.

Provided always, that in case the title of the invention or the provisional specification be too large or insufficient, the law officer to whom the same is referred may allow or require the same to be amended.

9. The applicant may, if he likes, deposit his complete specification on applying for patent, when all the rights and privileges of letters patent are to be obtained for six months.

10. Any application is fraud of true inventor not to affect his rights during the provisional or other protection.

11. Commissioners to advertise the application.

12 and 13. Upon applicant applying to com-